

Four easy steps to recycle your yard waste:

1 Use the right container:

The City of San Diego collects yard waste from a standard 32- or 45-gallon size trash container, preferably plastic.

Never use plastic bags. The plastic contaminates the mulch and compost made from the yard waste and decreases its marketability.



Environmental Services collection driver picking up clean yard waste.

2 Recycle only clean yard waste:

Help us help you! By recycling materials accepted in the yard waste program, you help us produce high-quality mulch and compost. Please place the following types of yard waste in your container:

- Leaves
- Grass
- Shrub clippings (less than four feet long and no one piece more than six inches in diameter).
- Bundles (four feet long, tied with string on both ends and weighing no more than 40 pounds).



3 Know how and when to put out your container:

To make sure your yard waste is collected, put your collection container(s) at your curbside or point of collection no later than 7 a.m. on your collection day.

To help keep your neighborhood clean, remember to remove your container(s) from the public right of way by 6 p.m. on your collection day.

Remember to consult your curbside recycling calendars for proper week of collection.

Place your yard waste container(s) more than three feet away from your automated trash or recycling collection container(s).



To inquire if yard waste recycling service is available in your area, call Environmental Services Customer Service at (858) 694-7000

4 NOT accepted in yard waste recycling:

If any of the following materials are found in your container, your yard waste will not be collected:

Yard waste

The following creates poor-quality mulch and compost and may damage the City's grinding machinery:

- Palm fronds
- Cactus and yucca plants
- Banana trees
- Bird-of-paradise plants
- Sawdust, painted wood, ashes, or Formica products
- Tree stumps longer than four feet, or any one piece greater than six inches in diameter
- Plywood, particle board, shingles, chemically treated or painted wood

Materials

- **Bags** (plastic or paper)
- Dirt and rocks
- Glass or metal
- Demolition debris
- Trash of **any kind**





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Why should I recycle my yard waste?

Reduces waste

Currently, more than 14 percent of the residential waste in the Miramar Landfill is recyclable yard material. By recycling your yard waste you help the City produce useful mulch and compost and reduce the amount of waste in our landfill, which ultimately increases its life.

Reap what you recycle

Mulch has a number of beneficial uses. As a ground cover it reduces evaporation, limits the need to water, and adds organic material to the soil. Mulch can also be used to suppress weeds and prevent erosion on hillsides.

Compost is used as a soil amendment to improve soil texture and increase water holding capacity. Mixing one to two inches of compost four to six inches deep into the soil is one of the best things you can do for your yard or garden. Compost can also be used as ground cover or potting mix.

Mulch and compost are available at the Miramar Landfill Greenery, located at the north end of Convoy Street at State Highway 52. The Greenery is open Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Mulch is free to residents.



Yard waste is ground into mulch and compost at Miramar Landfill.



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For compost pricing and other information,
please call or visit us on the Web:

Environmental Services (858) 694-7000
www.sandiego.gov/environmental-services/



Curbside Yard Waste Recycling Program



How to participate and
help the environment



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This information is available in alternative formats upon request.